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	Filing Date	11/15/2001
	First Named Inventor	Gregory Paul Dittmar
	Group Art Unit	1615
	Examiner Name	Blessing M. Fubara
	Attorney Docket Number	8341
	Confirmation Number	2834

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____


2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-2480.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)
- iv. ☒ Other Additional claims fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16

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In the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ["RCE"] under 35 U.S.C. §132(b) in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks which are responsive to the Final Office Action, dated 23 September 2003. This Submission is timely filed as it is being submitted concurrently with an RCE and authorization to pay the appropriate fee to extend the period for response for Applicants' Appeal Brief by 1 (one) month, such that it will expire on 18 June 2004. Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Sheet, for which no fee is believed to be due.

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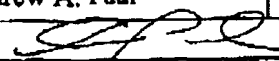
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